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SUBJECT: Ecuador Unlikely to Participate in Kosovo World Bank Vote

Ref: A. State 54943

[1](#)B. QUITO 208

[1](#)1. (SBU) On May 29, EconCouns discussed Ref A points, urging Ecuador to vote in the June 3 vote on Kosovo's membership in the World Bank, with Ambassador Lourdes Puma, Director General for Multilateral Affairs in the Foreign Ministry. Puma said that participating in the vote would be implicit recognition of Kosovo's status as an independent country, and Ecuador is awaiting a ruling by the International Court of Justice in the Hague before taking a position on Kosovo's independence (Ref B). When asked directly if Ecuador would vote on Kosovo's World Bank membership request, Puma said that would be unlikely, and that if Ecuador were to vote it would vote "no."

[1](#)2. (SBU) EconCouns sought to discuss this matter with Under Secretary of Public Credit at the Ministry of Finance, but the Under Secretary was unavailable.

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